

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the first biocidal agent is selected from compounds based on the group consisting of chitosan, chitin derivatives, quaternary ammonium, zinc zeolite, silver ions and triclosan.

4. (Previously Presented) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the first biocidal agent is based on didecyltrimethylammonium chloride.

5. (Currently Amended) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the second biocidal agent is selected from the group consisting of the compounds based on isothiazolin or isothiazolone derivatives, ~~on chitosan or chitin derivatives, on quaternary ammonium, on zinc zeolite, on silver ions and on triclosan.~~

6. (Previously Presented) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the second biocidal agent is based on p-[(diiodomethyl)sulfonyl]toluol in the form of an aqueous dispersion.

7. (Previously Presented) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the second biocidal agent is based on iodopropynyl butyl carbamate in the form of an aqueous dispersion.

8. (Previously Presented) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the second biocidal agent is based on methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl carbamate in the form of an aqueous dispersion.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that the quantity by dry weight of biocidal agent in the carrier is less than 1%, and preferably less than 0.2%.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. **(Currently Amended)** The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that it is based on cellulosic materials, ~~in particular paper~~.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that it is based on plastic materials.

14. **(Cancelled)**

15. **(Previously Presented)** A process for producing an information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that at least one biocidal agent is incorporated into a basic carrier made of at least one material selected from cellulosic and plastic materials.

16. **(Original)** The production process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the incorporation of said biocidal agent is carried out by immersing said basic carrier in a solution of said biocidal agent.

17. **(Original)** The production process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the incorporation of said biocidal agent is carried out by spraying said basic carrier with a solution of said biocidal agent.

18. **(Original)** The production process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the incorporation of said biocidal agent is carried out by printing said basic carrier using an ink containing said biocidal agent.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The production process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the incorporation of said biocidal agent is carried out by surfacing said basic carrier with a solution containing said biocidal agent and an aqueous surfacing agent, wherein the aqueous surfacing agent includes glycerol as a plasticizer.

20. **(Original)** The production process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the incorporation of said biocidal agent is carried out by coating said basic carrier with a coating solution containing said biocidal agent.

21. **(Original)** The production process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the incorporation of said biocidal agent is carried out by depositing onto said basic carrier an overprint varnish containing said biocidal agent.

22. **(Original)** The production process as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the incorporation of said biocidal agent is carried out by coating microcapsules or cyclodextrin containing said biocidal agent onto said basic carrier.

23. **(Currently Amended)** An information carrier, intended to be handled relatively frequently and selected from the group consisting of a banknote, a passport, a playing card, a chipcard, a packaging, a book, and a magazine, said information carrier containing at least two biocidal agents, at least a first biocidal agent being selected from the group consisting of bacteriostatic and bactericidal agents, and at least a second biocidal agent being selected from the group consisting of fungistatic and fungicidal agents.

24. **(Previously Presented)** The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, characterized in that said first biocidal agent is a bactericidal agent and said second biocidal agent is a fungicidal agent.

25. (New) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, wherein said first biocidal agent is based on didecyldimethylammonium chloride and said second biocidal agent is based on p-[(diiodomethyl)sulfonyl]toluol in the form of an aqueous dispersion.

26. (New) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, wherein said first biocidal agent is based on didecyldimethylammonium chloride and said second biocidal agent is based on iodopropynyl butyl carbamate in the form of an aqueous dispersion.

27. (New) The information carrier as claimed in claim 23, wherein said first biocidal agent is based on didecyldimethylammonium chloride and said second biocidal agent is based on methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl carbamate in the form of an aqueous dispersion.